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Monday Closed

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

ENGLISH Saturday 5:00 p.m.

ITALIAN Sunday 9:00 a.m.

ENGLISH Sunday 10:30 a.m.

ENGLISH Sunday 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the office in emergency or serious illness.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least 12 months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Please call the Parish Office.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

RESOURCE CENTRE/GIFT SHOP

Open for 30 minutes after each weekend Mass.

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PARISH SCHOOLS

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (8 JANUARY-14 JANUARY)

Gospel Reflection: MATTHEW 2:1-12

The star . . . stopped over the place where the child was. (Matthew 2:9)

Imagine how difficult the Magi's journey was. If they came from Persia, as most scholars believe, they would have had to travel nearly one thousand miles. That's four months on the road. Traveling all that time with treasures like gold, frankincense, and myrrh would have made them ripe targets for brigands and highway robbers. And then there were the general conditions, "the ways deep and the weather sharp," as the poet T. S. Eliot put it. How many times do you think they were tempted to turn around and return home?

To add insult to injury, when they came to Jerusalem, they discovered there was no "newborn king of the Jews" to be found (Matthew 2:2). They had to go to Bethlehem and "search diligently" for him there (2:8).

What a model of faithfulness and perseverance! And these were pagans who didn't even worship the God of Israel!

On this day, when we celebrate the first Gentiles to worship the Lord Jesus, let's follow their example on our own journey toward Jesus.

When the way of discipleship seems too deep and the weather too sharp, picture the Magi trudging over miles and miles, determined to get to Jesus. When the lies of the devil or the allure of the world tries to rob you of your faith, picture the Magi guarding their treasures.

When the road to holiness turns out to be longer than you thought it would be, or when it takes an unexpected turn, picture the Magi pressing on to Bethlehem to seek the Christ child.

The Magi were "overjoyed" when they found the Lord (Matthew 2:10). Similarly, your perseverance will be rewarded with the deep-down joy that comes from knowing the overflowing love of Jesus. Surely this is a journey worth taking!

"Jesus, help me to persevere so that I can behold your glory!"

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 60. 1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 8 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 AM (Italian) Orazio Facchini

10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

12:00 PM

+ Gregorio D. Visitation

+ Mateo Dalauidao

Tuesday 10 January, 9:00 AM

+ Maria Trinidad Miemban

Wednesday 11 January, 7:00 PM

Norma Manarisala & Families

Lita Bain & Family; Aurelia & Family; Alguno

Family; De Vera Family; Blanco & Family;

Roma & Families; Tita & Esther

Thursday 12 January, 9:00 AM

+ Virginia Dela Cruz

Friday 13 January, 7:00 PM

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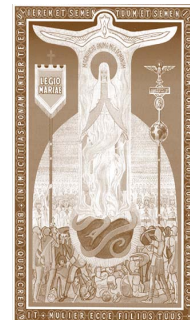
Saturday 14 January, 9:00 AM

+ Owen Lobo

AVE MARIA

The Blessed Virgin Mary is our Mother and, as Catholics, we dearly hold her as a great intercessor to Christ Jesus our Lord, her son. I am therefore happy to announce the plan to have the Legion of Mary society formed in our parish as a stable pious society where devotees have opportunity to pray and mingle!

We shall be having a membership drive for the society at the weekend of 21/22 January, 2023.



The York Catholic District School Board continues to welcome registrations for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Secondary registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open.
- Elementary registration for the 2023-2024 school year will begin on January 9, 2023.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (8 JANUARY-14 JANUARY)

SPECIAL ICON OF SAINT JOSEPH IS VISITING STJW!

Every few years the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring and these icons are taken to different councils and churches. We are blessed to have the icon of our very own patron, St. Joseph, coming to us the weekend of 7/8 January. The Knights of Saint Joseph therefore invites us to an evening of prayer in which we have rosary and reflection on the 18th of January, starting with the Mass at 7pm. At 7:30pm we shall have a celebration of prayers and rosary in honor of St. Joseph. Please mark your calendars and let us make a special recourse to the intercession of St Joseph, who doubles as our patron saint.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The 40th anniversary of our Parish is next year and we are celebrating in a grand way! The celebration will include diverse events and it will also be a means to do the necessary maintenance and repairs of our entire parish edifice.

Please save the dates for the following celebrations of our Parish's 40th anniversary:

- Parish Feast Day Mass, celebrated by Bishop John Boissonneau: May 1 2023, 7:00 PM
- First Holy Communion Masses: May 13 & 14, 20 & 21, 2023 (5:00/12:00 PM)
- Confirmation Masses: May 27/28, 2023 (10:00 AM/3:00 PM)
- Cultural Day—Mass, food, & the celebration of different cultures: June 11 2023
- 40th Anniversary Grand Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins: September 24 2023, 12:00 PM
- 40th Anniversary Gala: September 29 2023

Fund Raising

Donations are beginning to come in for our fund raising. Many thanks to families that have pitched in. Please let us know how you can support us. Check the details on the 40th anniversary brochure for more details. Thank you for your generosity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion classes begin Saturday January 14, 2023, at 10 a.m.

All classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church.

Attendance to all classes is mandatory

Class #1	January 14	10-11:30 a.m.
Class #2	January 21	10-11:30 a.m.
Class #3	January 28	10-11:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes begin Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 3p.m.

All classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory.

Class #1	January 14	3– 5 p.m.
Class #2	January 21	3– 5 p.m.
Class #3	January 28	3– 5 p.m.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Parent's Meeting #1:

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 from 7 to 8 p.m.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS & SPONSORS

Parent/Sponsor's Meeting #1

Tuesday 15 February at 7:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study classes will resume on Monday, January 9, 2023. Starting in the new year, classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday. If there are any questions, please contact John at bible.stjw@gmail.com

SENIOR'S PROGRAM

The Seniors' Program resume on Thursday, January 12th after the 9 am Mass .

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